(c) whether Government have agreed to revival while utilizing the proceeds of sales from other sick units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAM JI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been agreed to provide non-plan loan of Rs. 12.5 crores to Cement Corporation of India Limited (CCI) for meeting the working capital needs of their Tandur unit subject to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) being signed between the Company (CCI) and the Department of Heavy Industry, indicating the milestones to be achieved for sustained operations of the Unit.

(c) and (d) CCI is a sick company under reference to BIFR a quasi-judicial body under SICA. It has not sanctioned any rehabilitations scheme so far.

Sale of SIL

835. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided not to sell off the Scooters India Ltd;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what was the response to the offer of Government to disinvest its stake in SIL; and

(d) whether any alternative has been thought of it if no one comes forward at all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) Government had decided to disinvest upto 74% in Scooters India Ltd. (SIL) as per policy announced in the Parliament. M/s Piaggio of Italy who was the only investor interested in JV participation in SIL withdrew their offer in December, 2000. There was no response to the subsequent

public advertisement seeking expression of interest for JV participation in SIL. SIL has been directed to prepare an Action Plan for upgrading its product and process technology.

Disruption of DD Channels

† 836. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether three channels of Doordarshan remained disrupted for hours on 17th April, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of channels, the hours for which the channels remained disrupted and reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the officials responsible for disruption of the channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Transmission of three Satelite channels, *viz.* DD-Sports. DD-World, and DD-News, was disrupted for about 1 hour 35 minutes on 17th April 2001 due to burning of a power supply change-over switch.

(c) to (e) Prasar Bharati has informed that since the disruption was not due to negligence by staff, no action against any staff member is envisaged. However, all the concerned staff members have been instructed to be extra vigilant in future.

Visit of delegation abroad

837. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation headed by her had visited US, UK and Japan in the second week of June, 2001;

(b) if so, the achievements made as a result of her visits; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.